

**Online Swimming
Registration and Youth
Summer track**

Online swimming registration is **Wednesday, May 7**, beginning at 8 am for Spanish Fork City residents only. Open registration begins the next day at 8 am. The on-line web site is reconline.spanishfork.org.

The Youth Summer Track program is for 2nd through 8th grade runners. The club will practice twice a week (**Mon & Wed**) during the month of **May**. Once school is out practice will be held in the morning. The Club will participate in various meets over the May and June schedule. Instruction will be given by Coach Tagg and her staff. Club fee is \$45 with a \$5.00 early discount deducted if payment is made by **April 30**.

Oklahoma!

Mark your Calendars for Oklahoma! - SF Community Theater will be presenting the Rogers and Hammerstein classic at SFHS from **July 18 - July 26**. Watch for more details or check out www.sfctonline.org

City Calendar

- May 1 thru 5**
Beauty and the Prince Play
- May 1 & 3**
Utah Junior Livestock Show
- May 6—6:00 pm** (live on Ch. 17)
City Council Meeting
- May 7—7:00 pm** (live on Ch. 17)
Planning Commission Meeting
- May 10—10:00 am**
Fire Dept. 100th Anniversary Parade
- May 10 & 17—9:00 am**
Flower Planting on Main Street
- May 20—6:00 pm** (live on Ch. 17)
City Council Meeting
- May 24**
Miss Spanish Fork Pageant
- May 26**
Memorial Day —City Offices Closed
Garbage pick up delayed one day



May 2008

Fire Department Turns 100 Years Old

The Spanish Fork Fire Department turns 100 years old this month! On **May 8, 1908**, the City organized a volunteer fire department. That department has continued on for 100 years because of the service of so many wonderful volunteers.

To show appreciation for the service the Fire Department renders to this community and the surrounding area, everyone is invited to a birthday parade and celebration on **Saturday, May 10**. This celebration will begin as a Parade on Main Street at 900 North at 10 am. The parade will proceed slowly down Main Street to Volunteer Drive and will include participants from many other fire departments. And remember, this parade will be loud!

The Parade will end in the Sports Park parking lot where there will be



a short program detailing some of the history of the department and honoring the many volunteer members that have served in the department. The program will also include birthday cake for those in attendance at the Sports Park. Come join the celebration to honor this volunteer department.

Notice To All Electric Customers

Budget Public Hearing

Spanish Fork City will hold a public hearing **May 6, at 6:00 pm** at the Spanish Fork City Office, 40 South Main Street, Spanish Fork, Utah. The purpose of the public hearing is to review the Fiscal Year 2008 Revision 2 Budget.

The budget includes transfer of funds which cannot be defined as reasonable allocation of costs between funds. These transfers include funds from the Electric Fund to the following Funds: the Golf Fund in the amount of \$375,000; Golf Course Snack Bar Fund in the amount of \$32,000; the Swimming Pool Fund in the amount of \$200,000; Debt Service Fund in the amount of \$750,000 and the General Fund in the amount of \$1,500,000.

DEAR MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL



From Left to Right, Back Row: Jens Nielsen, Steve Leifson, Wayne Andersen, Rod Dart.
Front Row: Mayor Joe Thomas, Richard Davis

Name: _____ Email: _____ Phone #: _____

Please complete the form and return it with your utility bill. You can also send comments to the City via the internet at www.spanishfork.org. Thank you for your comments.

Calling All Green Thumbs

The Adopt-A-Planter Program is back. We need volunteers to help plant flowers on Main Street **Saturdays, May 10 and 17 at 9 am**. If you are not already volunteering with a church or civic group then just come on down to Main Street and look for flats of flowers delivered to the planters by the city crews. Instructions will be posted in the planters. Take pride in your community by taking part. Questions? Call Sterling Johnson at 921-9820 or Bill Bushman at 921-9818.

Because of the Fire Department Anniversary Parade vehicle access to Main Street planters will be restricted on **Saturday, May 10 from 9:30 to 11:00 am**. It's okay to be parked on Main Street throughout the parade but your vehicle can not be moved until after 11 am. Please plan your planting service project accordingly.

Library News and Programs

Summer is just around the corner and the Library is busy planning many fun and exciting events! We hope you will include visiting the library often as you plan your summer activities.

Summer story times will begin the **first week in June**. "Catch the Reading Bug" is the children's Summer Reading Program theme and is for children who are reading independently. "Hang Loose" is the Young Adult Summer Reading theme and is for readers ages 13-18.

New this summer, "Catch the Family Reading Bug", a

Summer Reading Program for the entire family! Sign up for all three programs will begin **May 28**. Story times will not be held during the month of May.

The library is also preparing to receive a web cam and headset from the Utah Veterans of Foreign Wars for families to communicate with their soldiers in Iraq. Please contact the library for additional information.

Library hours will remain the same as our winter hours. We will be open Monday-Thursday, 10:00-8:00, and Friday - Saturday 12:00-6:00.

Recreation Master Plan Summary of Major Results

After a year of gathering, analyzing, organizing and preparing data, the parks & recreation master plan is complete. This document provides valuable information given by the citizenry that gives staff direction when planning to meet future leisure needs of the city. Here are some bullet points of findings from the survey conducted:

- 9,080 surveys were sent out to every home in Spanish Fork.
- 19% of those responded, which is a very high survey response rate.
- Most Popular Events/Programs Provided By The City (% indicates participation)
 - o Fiesta Days - 80%
 - o Swimming - 68%
 - o Baseball/Softball - 49%
 - o Soccer - 30%
 - o Basketball - 29%
 - o Golf - 27%
- Most Used Existing Facilities
 - o Water Park - 80%
 - o Reservoir - 49%
 - o Sports Park/Ballparks - 48%
 - o Fairgrounds - 48%
 - o Golf Course - 32%

- Most Desired Facilities
 - o Indoor pool/Aquatic Center - 50%
 - o Recreation Center - 46%
 - o More Trails - 25%
 - o Performing Arts Center - 11%
 - o More Parks - 6%
- 60% of respondents were willing to increase property taxes or utility fees to pay for an indoor aquatic center or a recreation center.
- 64% of respondents feel that the parks & recreation department meets the demands of the community for programming and facilities. The other 36% indicated that they want an indoor aquatic center, more time slots for swimming lessons and a wider variety of activities other than team sports.

This is just a small sampling of information that is included in the master plan document. The document in its entirety can be accessed on the web at www.spanishfork.org under parks & recreation. A special thanks to all who took time to participate in the survey or in any of the public meetings that were held. This information will serve as a resource for the city to continue to provide the quality of life that the citizens want.

The Spanish Oaks Open and the New Clubhouse

The Spanish Oaks Open will be on **May 4 & 5**. The entry fee is \$80 per participant and that includes your Golf, Cart, and Lunch on both days. The flight breakdown is as follows: 0-4 handicaps, 5-10 handicaps, 11-18 handicaps. The Ladies Association will begin play **Tuesday May 6**. Please contact the Pro-Shop for details. Also, The Men's Association Match Play is filling up fast; we only have a few spots left.

This summer, Spanish Oaks will offer more opportunities for children of all ages and families to get out and enjoy golfing together. Please look for our golf clinics and sign up today for individual or group lessons. We want to remind everyone that our remodeled Pro-shop and snack-bar are open to serve you; come see the changes! Everyone is invited join in and participate this year. Here is a coupon for a free small bucket of range-balls.

A Note from Miss Spanish Fork, Diana Brandon



As I prepare to compete at Miss Utah and to crown a new Miss Spanish Fork, I would like to thank my community for all the love and support you've shown me during this year.

I have enjoyed working on the issues of Internet Safety. I want to stress the importance of parents and children making a team effort to stay safe while online. Parents, have and uphold rules for your children and their Internet use. It is vital for you to know the activity and history on your computers.

Children, never give out personal information to anyone and always know who it is you are talking to online. I know together we will make our homes safer by taking new precautions against this rising epidemic in our world today.

Cemetery Decoration Removal

In preparation for Mother's Day and Memorial Day, city crews dispose of old decorations prior to trimming the grass. Only decorations on the grass will be removed. Please help out by following this schedule so crews don't accidentally remove something important.

Mother's Day

- April 30** - Remove all decorations from the grass
- May 5** - City crews will dispose of remaining decorations on grass
- May 8** - Begin decorating for Mother's Day

Memorial Day

- May 18** - Remove all decorations from the grass
- May 19** - City crews will dispose of remaining decorations on grass
- May 22** - Begin decorating for Memorial Day

Post Memorial Day

- June 8** - Remove decorations from the grass
- June 9** - City crews will dispose of remaining decorations on grass

Spanish Oaks Golf Course 2008

Free Small Bucket of Range Balls (expires

5/31/08)